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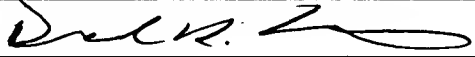
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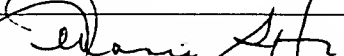
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	Filing Date	November 29, 2001	
	First Named Inventor	Hiroshi NANBA et al.	
	Group Art Unit	1723	
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Total Claims	Extra Claims	Fee from below	Fee Paid
41	-20** = 21	X 9.00 =	189.00
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103	18	203	9	Claims in excess of 20
102	84	202	42	Independent claims in excess of 3
104	280	204	140	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid
109	84	209	42	** Reissue independent claims over original patent
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105	130	205	65	Surcharge - late filing fee or oath	65.00
127	50	227	25	Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet	
139	130	139	130	Non-English transaction	
147	2,520	147	2,520	For filing a request for <i>ex parte</i> reexamination	
112	920*	112	920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
113	1,840*	113	1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
115	110	215	55	Extension for reply within first month	
116	400	200	200	Extension for reply within second month	
117	920	460	460	Extension for reply within third month	
118	1,440	720	720	Extension for reply within fourth month	
128	1,960	228	980	Extension for reply within fifth month	
119	320	219	160	Notice of Appeal	
120	320	220	160	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
121	280	221	140	Request for oral hearing	
138	1,510	138	1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
140	110	240	55	Petition to revive - unavoidable	
141	1,280	241	640	Petition to revive - unintentional	
142	1,280	242	640	Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
143	460	243	230	Design issue fee	
144	620	244	310	Plant issue fee	
122	130	122	130	Petitions to the Commissioner	
123	50	123	50	Processing fee under 37 CR 1.17(q)	
126	180	126	180	Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt	
581	40	581	40	Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	40.00
146	740	246	370	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR § 1.129(a))	
149	740	249	370	For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR § 1.29(b))	
179	740	279	370	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	
169	900	169	900	Request for expedited examination of a design application	

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In re Patent Application of

Hiromi NANBA et al.

Serial No. 09/995,812

Filed: November 29, 2001

For: INSTRUMENT AND METHOD FOR BLOOD  
SEPARATION, AND PREPARING METHOD,  
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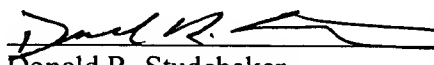
In response to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application - Filing Date Granted, under 37 CFR 1.53(b) dated December 26, 2002, submitted herewith is an executed Declaration and Power of Attorney, Assignment and Assignment Recordation Cover Sheet, Claim for Priority and a copy of Notice to File Missing Parts of Application - Filing Date Granted along with the fees under 37 CFR 1.16. (Statutory Basic Filing Fee - \$370; Surcharge - \$65; Extra Claims Fee - \$441 and Assignment Recordation Fee - \$40.00).

The above fees are covered by the attached check in the amount of \$916.00. Should there be any additional fees required for proper filing of the attached documents, please charge Deposit Account No. 19-2380 (74144033). Prompt issuance of a corrected filing receipt is respectfully requested.

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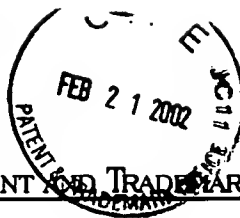
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NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

*Filing Date Granted*

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The statutory basic filing fee is missing.  
*Applicant must submit \$ 370 to complete the basic filing fee for a small entity.*
- Total additional claim fee(s) for this application is \$441.
  - \$189 for 21 total claims over 20.
  - \$252 for 6 independent claims over 3 .
- The oath or declaration is missing.  
*A properly signed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.*
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(l) of \$65 for a small entity in compliance with 37 CFR 1.27, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- The balance due by applicant is \$ 876.

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